

North Carolina's Superior Court of Law
Wilkes County } Fall Term 1866

The jurors for the State upon their oath present that Thomas Dula, late of the County of Wilkes, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced by the instigations of the Devil, on the 18th day of June AD 1866 with force & arms, in the County aforesaid in and upon one Laura Foster in the Vicce of God and the State then & there being feloniously wilfully & of his malice aforethought, did make an assault, and that the said Thomas Dula with a certain knife of the value of five cents which he the said Thomas Dula in his right hand then & there had & held her the said Laura Foster in & upon the breast of her the said Laura Foster then and there feloniously wilfully & of his malice aforethought did strike thrust and stab, giving to the said Laura Foster, then & there with the knife aforesaid in and upon the breast of her the said Laura Foster one mortal wound, of the breadth of one inch and depth of six inches of which the said mortal wound the said Laura Foster, then & there instantly died and so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do say that the said Thomas Dula, the said Laura Foster in manner & form, aforesaid feloniously - wilfully & of his malice aforethought did kill & murder against the peace & dignity of the State

Another jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that Ann Melton, late of the County of Wilkes, not having the fear of God before ^{her} eyes, but being moved & seduced by the instigations of the Devil, before the felony & murder aforesaid by the said Thomas Dula done & committed with force & arms at & in the County aforesaid to wit, on the day & year aforesaid did maliciously feloniously & intentionally